

Road to Zion Update

NEXT TRIP OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 7, 2008

*For the L-rd has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His dwelling place;
This is My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will also clothe her priests with salvation,
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
Psalm 132:13-16*

June 11th we finished our eleventh work project in Israel! We thank G-d for the opportunities he has given us to share His love with the people in Israel.

This trip we had the opportunity to partner with an Israeli ministry called "Ot Oo' Mofet". In English this is translated "A Sign and A Wonder". This ministry is led by a dear friend, Orna Grinman. She ministers to orphans, widows and single parents in the Israeli Body of the Messiah. Orna finished conducting her most recent workshop in March 2008 in Haifa for more than 60 women who had left abusive relationships. The women committed themselves to intensive teaching and counseling – allowing G-d to bring healing to areas of their lives that were holding them back. Since the workshop ended, each woman continues to work with a mentor.

We were able to go into the apartments of two of these women to do some repair work and paint. Both women, Zhana and Nadya, live in government housing that is literally falling down around them. Both women are single parents surviving on meager budgets. Both are Russian immigrants with limited knowledge of Hebrew - which complicates their ability to support themselves. We worked for three days in each apartment.



The women greatly appreciated our efforts. It was obvious Nadya was not accustomed to having someone show her love or offer to help her. She was so embarrassed she did not return to her apartment the first day we were there. The second day she came home around noon and apologized that she had no food to offer us. Only on the third day did she begin to talk to us about her life.



The group managed to have some fun too!

We finished our work in Haifa on Thursday and left for Jerusalem Friday morning just in time to celebrate the Sabbath and get some rest. Early Sunday morning, we painted the kitchen of a 96 year old American immigrant who lives in a tiny apartment on the fourth

floor of an apartment building with no elevator!! We had to quit work by noon since Shavuot (Day of Pentecost) was beginning at sundown and the woman and her daughter needed time to prepare for the holiday.

Shavuot in Jerusalem is a wonderful sight. Monday morning we left our hotel at 5:30 AM and walked to the Western Wall along with thousands of other worshipers. It is an awesome time! As you walk up to the old city the sidewalks are filled with young people, elderly people, baby carriages; everyone making their way to the wall so early in the morning. Because of the huge crowd it was impossible to actually reach the wall but you could hear small groups of people quietly singing, other people were praying or reading scripture and others were just standing observing the event.

Scripture states this is one of the three holidays that everyone is suppose to come up to Jerusalem. It was thrilling to imagine what it must have been like on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit fell.

We would like to thank Amanda, Daniel, D'Anne, Johnny and Pat for all their hard work. Our prayer is that these women were blessed beyond all our expectations.

You may have noticed the "o" missing from the name of G-d in this newsletter. To honor His holy name, Jewish people refrain from adding the "o" when writing the name of G-d. We have chosen to respect their tradition by doing the same.



David talking with an interested policeman about Road to Zion and why Christians want to come to Israel to help. The policeman had plenty of questions.

If you would like to experience 12 fantastic days seeing the land G-d calls "His resting place forever" please contact us for details.

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*Inasmuch
 as you
 did it to
 one of
 the least
 of these
 My
 brethren
 you did it
 to Me.*

Matt.25:40



Orna Grinman will be visiting several cities in the USA to present her life changing teaching on the Tabernacle and how she uses it as a tool for healing. She will be speaking in Pensacola October 4, 2008 1:00-5:00 PM

Location to be announced. Contact us to sign up for the conference -494-1266.

UPCOMING TRIPS TO ISRAEL

- October 27- November 7, 2008
- May 30- June 10, 2009
- October 31- November 11, 2009